

REMARKS

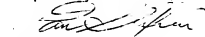
In the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2006, claims 20-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101; claims 1, 12 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102; claims 2-6, 8-10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21-25 and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103; and claims 7, 11 and 15-17 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but otherwise allowable.

In the present Response, claims 1 and 12 have been amended to incorporate the elements of allowable claims and any intermediate claims; claim 16 has been amended to be depend from its amended independent claim; claim 11 has been amended to correct a typographical error; and claims 5-7, 15 and 20-30 have been cancelled.

The claims are believed to be allowable and the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if a conversation would expedite prosecution of this case.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. No fees are believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees, and any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 09-0449.

Respectfully Submitted,



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